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U.S. FARM NUMBERS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED FROM 2009

The number of farms and ranches in **Wyoming** in 2010 is estimated at 11,000, according to Nancy Hussey with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. This is unchanged from 2009. A farm is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year."

Total land in farms and ranches was 30,200,000 acres, also unchanged from 2009. Wyoming ranks first in the Nation in average size of farms and ranches at 2,745 acres. Montana ranks second at 2,068 acres. In Wyoming, there were 5,200 farms (47 percent) with less than \$10,000 of agricultural sales in 2010, unchanged from last year. This group accounted for 1,300,000 acres or 4 percent of the total land.

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in the United States in 2010 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms, at 920.0 million acres, increased 100 thousand acres from 2009. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are broken down into five economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these "sales classes" by summing their sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, and \$500,000.

Farm numbers increased slightly in the \$1,000-\$9,999 and \$500,000 and over sales classes. Higher commodity prices and larger value of sales contributed to changes in the number of farms within these sales classes. Farm numbers increased 0.1 percent, to 1.23 million farms, in the \$1,000 - \$9,999 sales class. Meanwhile, the number of farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class increased by 1.6 percent, to 126,720 farms.

Land in farms increased in the largest sales class while decreasing in all other sales classes. Land operated by farms in the \$500,000 & over sales class increased 3.0 percent, to 298.9 million acres. Land operated by farms with \$1,000-\$9,999 in sales decreased by 0.6 percent, to 105.0 million acres.

The **average farm size** was unchanged in 2010. However, average farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes partially due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

**NUMBER OF FARMS AND RANCHES AND LAND,
SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 2009-2010 1/**

State	Number of Farms & Ranches		Land in Farms & Ranches	
	2009 2/	2010	2009 2/	2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			
CO	36,200	36,100	31,300	31,200
ID	25,500	25,700	11,400	11,400
MT	29,800	29,400	60,800	60,800
NE	47,200	47,200	45,600	45,600
SD	31,500	31,800	43,700	43,700
UT	16,600	16,600	11,100	11,100
WY	11,000	11,000	30,200	30,200
U.S.	2,200,210	2,200,930	919,890	919,990

1/ A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would be sold during the year.

2/ Revised.